



## **PWB-IE-S: Internationale und europäische Politik:**

### **International Institutions**

Summer term 2024

Date: Thursday, 14-16:00

Room: F21/03.03

The globalised world is experiencing an increasing number of transnational challenges that cannot be solved by nation states alone, such as climate change, financial crises or security threats. To tackle these challenges, states and other actors create international institutions to facilitate cooperation and promote shared interests. Today, international institutions have been established in almost all areas of international politics. However, the design of international institutions varies widely, as does their success in achieving their overarching policy goals. The aim of this undergraduate seminar is to develop a toolbox that allows students to systematically analyse international institutions and their role in global governance. The seminar will be divided into two parts. First, we will focus on different theoretical approaches to the analysis of international institutions. We will then apply these approaches to key international institutions and, through students' presentations, discuss specific empirical cases in which international institutions play a central role. Overall, the seminar enables students to deepen their theoretical knowledge of international institutions as well as their empirical knowledge of key issues such as security, trade, finance and the environment.

#### Eligibility Requirements:

- The working language of the seminar is English. Presentations and coursework must also be in English.
- Previous attendance of the introductory lecture (Einführungsvorlesung) or an equivalent course is recommended to have a sufficient basic knowledge of international institutions.
- Regular attendance and preparing the required texts is expected, as is active participation in discussions. For the presentations, discussant roles will also be assigned.
- To obtain 6 credit points, students must give a presentation of 10 minutes and write a term paper (10 to 12 pages). Presentations will be assigned during the first session.

1) 18.04. Introduction

#### **Theories**

2) 25.04. Institutionalism

3) 02.05. Realism

4) 09.05. Bank holiday - No session

5) 16.05. Constructivism

### **Case studies**

- 6) 23.05. How to prepare your presentation and write a good term paper
- 7) 30.05. Bank holiday – no session
- 8) 06.06. UN Security Council
- 9) 13.06. NATO
- 10) 20.06. UNFCCC, Kyoto and Paris Agreement
- 11) 27.06. WTO
- 12) 04.07. IMF and World Bank
- 13) 11.07. Non-state actors as international institutions
- 14) 18.07. Reflection, outlook and requirements for term papers